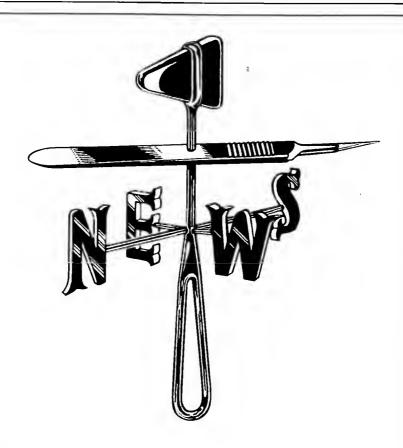
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From the Desk of the President



Much of our Medical Society business is transacted at council level. Even questions that require the vote of all Society members usually originate at council and recommendations to the Society are made by council. This approach has the advantage of freeing our busy members from doing the initial leg work and debate necessary to make realistic decisions. We are then able to consider the finished product at the Society level.

However, the possible drawback here is that members may feel that a small number of people are making most of the decisions, and that the rest of the members do not have much of a voice in our Society.

In my opinion this is not a valid criticism. The only thing necessary for any member to be involved is to GET involved.. When you have a brainstorm that you believe will improve the practice of medicine in our community, tell it to your favorite council member. He's listed in the *Bulletin* (page 29). He in turn will help you research your plan and present it to council for action. This is the best way to keep our Society active and productive.

It is also time to point out that the annual meeting of O.S.M.A. will be held in May and that resolutions may be submitted by Societys, councils, or by individual members. If you have a resolution you want to submit as an individual, we'll help you. They must be received by O.S.M.A. by March 16th. If you do submit a resolution be prepared to go to the meeting and fight for it, otherwise it will probably die in reference committee. Perhaps even better, if you have a resolution you feel our delegation should sponsor call Jack Schreiber. He's our chief delegate this year.

GET INVOLVED!

—J. James Anderson, M.D. President



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Editorial

Recent studies have reaffirmed the grim fact that, in the past decade, the cost of medical care in this country has risen at a rate approximately twice that of cost of living in general. As this escalation continues, we, as members of the medical community, presently find ourselves the direct target of blame for this most serious problem. In my opinion this represents a rather naive, simplistic analysis of a most complex situation.

As medical technology continues to advance, we employ increasingly sophisticated tools for more precise diagnoses. The expense of this diagnostic equipment found in all our radiology and pathology departments as standard equipment is staggering. From the clinical standpoint, our medical and surgical colleagues employ these newer diagnostic tools in a large variety of expensive approaches to attack disease which, even a decade ago, might have been beyond the realm of curability. As a result of these advances, both in the diagngostic and therapeutic realms, we have increased longevity and hopefully in the process, to some extend, alleviated human suffering. The sophisticated hospital environment is a setting which employs vast numbers of persons in professional, administrative, housekeeping and maintenance capacities employed at today's accepted wage standards.

Needless to say, there are multiple factors involved in the medical expenses incurred in the face of serious illness. We are all willing to accept the benefits of these advances, but the frustration arises when the costs become apparent in our medical bills. It is obvious that many individuals take these frustrations out upon the physician and the hospitals, as evidenced by the ever increasing malpractice suits, many of which have no validity whatsoever.

To the credit of the physicians and the hospitals in our community alike there is evidence of an awareness of the patient's plight. The most cogent, recent example is the establishment of extensive out-patient surgical facilities now available at our hospitals specifically designed with the patient's convenience and cost in mind. More improvements will undoubtedly be forthcoming as we direct our efforts to reduce, in any feasible fashion, the cost of medical care to our patients.

> A. Reed Hoffmaster, M.D. Editor

CME REMINDER

The need for 150 hours of continuing medical education is now in effect, and all physicians must complete their 150 hours between now and Dec. 31, 1979 in order to reregister their medical license in 1980.

This is a legal requirement.

Extensive information has been published in The Ohio State Medical Journal. Possibly the best article to save is the one containing the "Log of Continuing Medical Education Activity," which appeared in the December, 1976 issue beginning on page 724.

BOARD OF HEALTH REQUESTS HELP

The following letter from the Youngstown Board of Health was received by the president of the Medical Society. Any members interested are advised to contact the Board of Health.

"We are currently in need of a physician to serve as medical director of our Neighborhood Health Clinics (ambulatory care) located at the Mill

Creek Community Center and the McGuffey Center.

"Our clinics are open forty (40) hours per week and are intended to provide medical care on an outpatient basis to residents of target neighborhoods in our city. With the appointment of a medical director, it is hoped that our clinics will interface with the health care delivery system in our community so that we are not duplicating any existing effort.

"Currently, Dr. Edward McIver is serving as medical director on a parttime basis to help us through our difficult times. However, we do not know

how much longer Dr. McIver will be able to help us.

"Therefore, I would appreciate it if you would make known our need to your colleagues so that we can determine if a physician — or perhaps more realtistically a group of physicians — would be interested in providing medical services to our neighborhood health clinics on a contractural basis. The hours and fees are negotiable. If we could contract with a group practice, coverage of clinic hours could be more easily arranged.

"I would appreciate any assistance you could provide in this effort and I am open to any suggestions you may have. For further information, feel free to contact me or Robert P. Milich, Public Health Administrator (744-

8988.) "

Jack C. Hunter, Mayor President, Board of Health

BUNN MEMORIAL LECTURE IN FEB.

The William H. Bunn, M.D. Memorial Lecture will be presented by E. Douglas Wigle, M.D., Director, Div. of Cardiology, and Professor, Dept. of

Medicine, Toronto Hosp., U. of Toronto.

He will speak on "Current Concepts in Diagnosis and Management of the Cardiomyopathies," Feb. 17, 8:00 a.m. at Youngstown Hospital Association, South Unit, Hitchcock Auditorium. On Feb. 18, 8:00 a.m., he will speak at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center Auditorium on "The Many Faces of Valvular Regurgitation."

In addition to the two hospitals, the lectures are sponsored by the

Eastern Ohio Chapter of the American Heart Association.

ALCOHOLIC CLINIC POSITION OPEN

There is an opening for the position of Medical Staff Physician at the Alcoholic Clinic, 2151 Rush Blvd. The position is currently held by Dr. James A. Miller, who will retire when a successor is found. Any member interested should contact the Medical Society immediately.

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INSTALLATION BANQUET

Dr. William E. Sovik was honored as retiring president and was presented an appreciation plaque and past-president's pin at the Jan. 18th

installation banquet at the Youngstown Club.

A gavel was presented to Dr. J. James Anderson following the installation of council members in a ceremony conducted by Dr. Sovik. The gavel was made by Dr. Pat Cestone. Dr. Sovik presented a bound copy of the 1976 Bulletin to Dr. James A. Lambert, retiring editor. Dr. Anderson presented another copy to Mrs. Sovik in condolence for the many evenings that Dr. Sovik spent away from home on Medical Society business. Dr. Melnick, 1974 president, was presented his past-president's pin.
Prior to the invocation, given by Rev. Paul R. Coleman, a moment of

silence was observed in memory of those who died in 1976: Dr. J. M. Cavanaugh, Dr. L. G. Coe, Dr. B. J. Dreiling, Dr. Ray W. Fenton, Dr. P. H. Fuscoe, Dr. Henri Schmid and Dr. Vincent T. Wrobel.

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Dr. Sovik (left) accepts appreciation plaque from the Medical Society, presented by Dr. Anderson. The Sovik family in attendance were Mary Elaine, Jim, Mrs. Helen Sovik, Corrine and Dr. Sovik. Another son, William Jr., and his wife, Kathy, were unable to attend due to illness in their family.





Special presentations during the evening included a past-president's pin for Dr. John C. Melnick, 1974 president, and a bound volume of the 1976 Bulletin for Dr. James A. Lambert, 1976 editor.





A small section of the Bell Ringers are shown in performance. At right, Dr. Sovik presents a new gavel to incoming president, Dr. J. James Anderson.

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FORTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1937

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Graduate nurses and staff doctors of St. Elizabeth's Hospital put on a musical show at South High School Auditorium before a large and enthusiastic audience. L. G. Coe, L. Shensa, S. Goldberg, H. Marsico and S. Ondash

participated. Ficcocelli's orchestra provided the music.

Dr. Gustafson spoke on "Venereal Disease" at the Boardman School, the Garfield School and the Board of Education. It was a big innovation. That was the first year that the word "Syphilis" was spoken in public.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1947

George Bailey, the memory man was the entertainer at the Banquet that year. He is always a sure-fire hit with his offer to pay five dollars to any man whose name he fails to remember. After the dinner, he went to each table and named every person except Fagnano, whom he missed (he always misses one, I think it is part of the act). Fagnano was a resident in surgery

then, and the five dollars was welcome.

Service records were published of Lt. Col. John S. Goldcamp, Capt. Paul Kaufman and Capt. Milton Kendall. Goldcamp served in Australia and the Philippines. He was present during the Japanese banzai attack on the First General Hospital at Leyte, in December, 1945. Kaufman served in North Africa, in Italy and in France and received a Meritorious Service Citation. Kendall was made a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and licensed to practice in the British Isles. He served with the air force in the Normandy landing and the Rhine invasion.

Sam Zlotnick became a member. Elmer Wenaas led the doctors' bowling league. John LaManna returned to practice after 3 years in the Army. He

served in the 135th Evacuation Hospital in Germany.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1957

Fees for house calls and office visits were raised. The *Bulletin* did not state the exact amount and this writer cannot remember, but the announcement sounded very apologetic.

President Ondash announced that there would be only two or three

scientific meetings during the year interspersed with panel programs.

There was a rich harvest of new members that month: Leonard Caccamo, Alexander Calder, Donald Dockry, Richard Murray, Bob McConnell, A. Di-Domenico, D. B. Brown, Jack Schreiber, Louis H. Scharf, Henry Holden and Elsa Shapira.

TEN YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1967

President Reese inveighed against the current tendency to produce hybrid doctors and nurses under the name of "Physician's Assistants" and "Nurse's Associates".

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New Members were: William Roy Johnson, C. Conner White, Jr., Loren J. Zehr, Rashid A. Abdu and William A. Moskalik. Fred Dunlea was elected president of the Academy of General Practice.

—J. F. L.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL Dec. 14. 1976

Lack of space in the January *Bulletin* precluded the printing of minutes from the Dec. 14th meeting of Council. Following is a excerpt from those minutes:

"The following applications for membership were presented by the

Censors —

ACTIVE

Richard D. Arnott, D.O. S. K. Gandhi, M.D. Paul W. Ho, M.D. Joungsen Hong, M.D. Jeet Mehta, M.D. A. Z. Rabinowitz, M.D. Paul I. Silverstein, D.O. Richard J. Solyn, D.O. Warner F. Stanford, D.O. Panos P. Zafirides, M.D.

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"It was noted that Dr. Luttenton will not arrive in Youngstown until July, 1977, and that his application, although approved, should not be activated until his arrival. The other applications were approved. Those approved will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time."

NEWS

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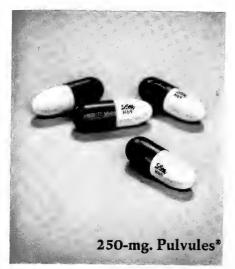
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